

FIG. 13, replace label "32" referencing the block containing the caption "Retrieve info regarding transferring of the item from prior request" with label --31--.

In the Description

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 31 and ending at page 8, line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

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Turning back to FIG. 1, if the request to transfer the item is authorized, system 2 may then present information to consumers, including a second consumer 5, at step 12. Information may be provided in the form of an advertisement or as part of an auction system. In response to this information, a second consumer 5 may indicate a willingness to receive the item via an auction or in response to a posted advertisement, for example. Once a second consumer 5 has been found, the participation of system 2 in the transfer may be complete and consumers 3 and 5 may close the transfer through steps 14 and 15. As illustrated, closing the sale may include second consumer 5 sending money to first consumer 3 at step 15 and first consumer 3 sending the item to second consumer 5 at step 14.

Please replace the paragraph at page 11, lines 8-18 with the following amended paragraph:

A2  
The systems and methods of the present invention may be implemented using any suitable communication network. One embodiment of such a communication network 40 is shown in FIG. 4. As illustrated, transfer system 2 may be implemented as a web site that is hosted on an Internet web page